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APPLICATIONS ON STORAGE AREA NETWORK COMPONENTS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to a third non-final office action in the above case dated March 16, 2006 (Third Office Action), in which the Examiner rejected certain claims under 35 U.S.C. §101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter and rejected all the pending claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102(e)) by cited art. Applicants amended the claims as the Examiner suggested to overcome the Section 101 rejection. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections and submit that all pending claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 21-36 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9.